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Mr. Edward Galbraith, Director
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Re: Approval of Shoal Creek, Pogue Creek, and Joyce Creek TMDLs

Dear Mr. Galbraith:

This letter responds to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) submission received on October 2, 2007, of a document addressing four Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs). This document addresses the whole body contact recreation use impairment of Shoal Creek (3230, 3231), Pogue Creek (3232), and Joyce Creek (3233), with the pollutant bacteria.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 7, has completed its review of this TMDL document with supporting documentation and information. By this letter, EPA approves the submitted TMDL document. Enclosed with this letter is EPA Region 7's TMDL Review Form which summarizes the rationale for EPA's approval of this TMDL document. EPA believes the separate elements of the TMDLs described in the enclosed form adequately address the pollutant of concern through assessment of the loading capacity, consideration of seasonal variation, and a margin of safety.

Under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, EPA is currently consulting with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service regarding these TMDLs. While EPA is approving this TMDL, EPA may decide in the future that changes to the TMDLs are warranted based upon the results of the consultation.

We appreciate the thoughtful effort that MDNR has put into this TMDL document. We will continue to cooperate and assist MDNR in developing future TMDLs.

Sincerely,

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